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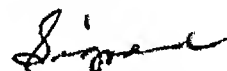
Dear Mr. Salzman:

Many thanks for your most cordial invitation to deliver the opening address of the Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the American Society of Photogrammetry.

I am complimented by this invitation and wish it were possible to accept. However, in my present position it is both undesirable and inadvisable for me to speak to large gatherings of this nature. I know you will appreciate the fact that people in this business prefer as much anonymity as possible. Therefore, I have declined all such invitations as I have received except those of an instructional nature at the service schools of the Defense Department and similar organizations.

Please convey to the members of your Committee my deep regret that circumstances will not permit me to be with them, and my best wishes for a most successful meeting.

Sincerely,



Walter D. Smith  
Director

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